



# ***Marchin' & Swingin'***

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## **MWM PERFORMS IN BALTIMORE**

Maryland Wing Music provided entertainment for a large crowd of Christian worshippers inaugurating "Holy Week" in Baltimore. On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal William H. Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, led about seven hundred young people through the streets from Rash Field at Baltimore's Inner Harbor to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the Basilica, Mass was celebrated. The theme for this seventh annual Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage was "Enter the Passion."

Maryland Wing Music, led by Captain George Carroll, was on hand at Rash Field to provide music for ceremonies preceding the pilgrimage between 11:30 AM and 12:00PM. MWM members, dressed in blue blazers and gray slacks performed a medley of popular, swing, and patriotic music, including the theme from "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"We had to turn out on short notice," said Captain Carroll, "but the band came through splendidly as it always does." The performance was given in lieu of the band's regularly scheduled practice at The Heights School in Montgomery County. "We apologize to those who didn't get the word in time," said Capt. Carroll.

Cardinal Keeler led the procession to various prayer sites. Pilgrims prayed, heard testimonies of faith, and participated in the Blessing of the Palm by the Cardinal. The Archdiocese of Baltimore expressed its appreciation to the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol for lending the support of its music to the activity.

For more information about the "Enter the Passion" Holy Week pilgrimage visit the Archdiocese's web site at <http://archbalt.org>.

## **SPECIAL REQUEST FOR MUSIC & LYRICS**

MWM vocalist and announcer Roger Thiel is looking for music and lyrics to the following songs: "Tangerine"; "Taking A Chance On Love"; "The Way You Look Tonight"; "Teach Me Tonight." Bass baritone range is preferred but all versions are welcome. Please contact Roger 202-328-3286.

### **Maryland Wing Music Members**

**Director** - Capt. George Carroll \*

**Flute** - Capt. Kathy Reed, SM Charles Goolsby, C/A1st Juliette Skrabut; Kerby Boswell

**Clarinet** - Rudy Adler, Tom Cherrix, Caroline Cherrix, Dan Krause, Jim Stephan, SM Irwin Deutscher, Jared Taylor

**Alto Saxophone** - Caroline Cherrix, Jared Taylor, Jim Stephan

**Tenor Saxophone** - Irwin Deutscher, Rudy Adler

**Baritone Saxophone** - Dr. Ryle Bell

**Trumpet** - Andy Leech, Bernie Rappaport, James Hamlin, SM George Rigby, Ken Schrantz, C/A1st Alexander Sansone, Jim Fulcher, Dan Krause

**French Horn** - Angelica Benner

**Trombone** - Maj. Ken Toderaf USAF, Matthew Plank, C/SA Steve Moreland, Lt. Col. Susan Marlin U.S. Army

**Baritone** - Lt. Col. Susan Marlin U.S. Army

**Tuba** - Bruce Keck, C/SA Steve Moreland

**String Bass** - Bruce Keck

**Guitar** - Maj. Clark Cloukey

**Drum** - Capt. George Carroll, Maj. Clark Cloukey, SM Diane Mizrahi

**Vocal** - SM Roger Thiel

\* ranks referred to are Civil Air Patrol unless otherwise indicated

## **JOIN CIVIL AIR PATROL**

## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR MAY

This month, the normal schedule of rehearsals, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, will be resumed. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, field music rehearsal will begin at 12:00 PM sharp! Concert band rehearsal will begin promptly at 1:00 PM and will be extended to 4:00 PM. The location, as usual, will be The Heights school on Seven Locks road.

The second rehearsal will be held on the third Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Field music begins at 12:00 PM and swing band at 1:00 PM. The practice will end at 4:00 PM.

No performances are scheduled for May as we go to press.

## AIR SHOW

There will be a large fly-in of antique aircraft at a grass airstrip on Maryland's Eastern Shore on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. It's about five miles outside Cambridge, MD, at Horn Point Aerodrome, on the south shore of the Choptank. It's not an air show and not a MWM function, but all MWM and CAP members are welcome. Come and see 150 beautiful antiques in a charming Maryland setting. For information call SM Roger Thiel at 202-328-3286.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A Canadian-American singer, composer, and conductor made a most important contribution to America's musical heritage. Robert McArthur Crawford was born in Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1899. He studied music at Princeton University, the Julliard Graduate School and the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau, France. An American by choice, he held a variety of posts as a choral teacher and conductor. He composed a number of orchestral suites and songs before his death in New York City on March 12, 1961. The best known of Crawford's works is a tune of special significance to the Civil Air Patrol. It begins with the words: "Off we go into the wild, blue yonder. . ." It is, of course, the **U. S. Air Force Song**.

## **MWM PROFILE: ROGER THIEL**

Senior Member Roger Thiel, vocalist and announcer for MWM is a native-born Washingtonian with a best-of-both-worlds "second" hometown of Annapolis, MD.

In 1965, he was recruited as a CAP cadet by Clark Cloukey, now a Major in CAP and guitarist/drummer with MWM. Roger had known Clark since elementary school. His introduction to CAP would begin a life-long avid interest in aviation. Thiel's other interest - music, began with the school chorus, and with trumpet and French horn. A lead role in the Annapolis High School play was followed with roles in community productions and college theatre courses.

In 1969, Roger won a CAP cadet scholarship that would earn him a private pilot's license, after soloing in the "last tail-dragger class" of student pilots using older aircraft. That same year, he began singing lessons, and has never stopped formal vocal study. He has been in over 35 theatre shows, including supporting roles in opera and, more recently, leads in several Gilbert & Sullivan operettas.

A lead role in the semi-pro Rock 'n Roll musical comedy in 1972 had him cast as a disc jockey/emcee of a 1957 senior prom. In subsequent years, has emceed for many diverse events and radio spots.

In 1975, he acquired his 1941 Piper J-5 Cub, which is hangared at Lee Airport in Annapolis. He is also the proud owner of a 1938 Ryan SCW cabin model, anti-sub veteran that still has holes once drilled to support CAP bomb racks. In 25 years' with antique airplanes, he has flown in over 60 types of antiques and has checked out as pilot-in-command of over 25 aircraft types. Of his approximately 1500 flight hours, less than 200 are in modern aircraft. He is a past president of this area's antique aircraft club.

In 1977, his interest in CAP's anti-sub patrols during W.W.II inspired him to research the topic. As historian for the veterans of CAP Base Two in Rehoboth, Delaware, he interviewed many CAP flyers. The result is a superb lecture and slide show, which he has given dozens of times and still gives to a variety of civic groups. His ambitions for what we all consider to be an extremely significant story include a non-fiction book, a novel, and the screenplay for a major motion picture.

An excellent aerobatics pilot, Roger writes a regular column for World Airshow News and has announced regional air shows. This September, Roger will achieve 35 years continuous membership in the Annapolis Squadron, MD Wing CAP. He lives on a houseboat [appropriately named "Doo-Wop"] on the DC waterfront and operates his printing business in a restored 1800s livery stable in Washington's Old City historic district. A man of many talents and much good humor, the mellow voice of Roger Thiel makes Maryland Wing Music easy listening.